The Humility of Jesus.

{Jn. 13 $^{3-13}$
Mt. 20 $^{20-28}$

Phil. 2^{5-8}

Intro. The place of humility among the Xn virtues.

Some misconceptions in regard to humility.

Humility not low-mindedness.

Humility not self-abasement.

~~Hum~~ Humility is the union of the highest self-respect with the uttermost abandon of sacrifice in service.

A man who knows his own superior worth and yet is willing to serve his inferiors in Xn love – is a humble man. —— The teacher + pupils.

Humility leads the strong to serve the weak, the enlightened to inform the eager-to-learn.

Humility ~~leads~~ makes a man willing to sacrifice his own claims for the ~~?~~ common good.

I. The humility that Jesus sought to develop in his disciples.

1. In commending them.

"The poor in spirit" — theirs the K. of H.

In their attitude toward truth

In their " of faith.

"They that are persecuted" — theirs the K. of H.

The bravely loyal and the heroically faithful are the real humble ones.

I. 2. In rebuking them.
the mother of Jas. & John.
the indignation of the other disciples.
3. In setting them an example.
at the last supper.
democracy & office-holders.

II. The humility that Jesus demonstrates in his Life and Personal influence.

1. Counted not being on an equality with God a thing to be grasped but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men.
Jesus is the least local, sectional, or occasional type of moral manhood in all literature.
He transcends all racial limitations & divisions; and all class divisions. Jesus had no need of birth, of a name, or of fame and honor — Jesus himself in his own naked Person — humanity's man.
"Beauty is but skin deep."
there are fewer deeper things than skin.
a racial, an intellectual, a moral, and a social cleavage between man and man.

2. He humbled himself, becoming obedient unto death, yea, the death of the cross.
What does this humility of Jesus signify?
Was his meekness compliancy?
Was his lowliness the want of self-respect or the lack of personal pride?
Was his humility the surrender of conscience & reason before the conventions and imperious

~~decrees of~~ corruptness of society? Never!

11 Where ~~dignity~~ duty or truth is concerned, Jesus is the very impersonation of the unconquerable will.

Where dignity or right is at issue, it is vain to speak of silence or submission. Where pride would overbear or justice turn to expediency, Jesus stands up with a front that may be broken, but cannot bend or retire."

The Cross signified that man could kill but not subdue him.

Desertion & denial came & awoke his pity but they could not turn him from his God!

3. Jesus' humility as seen in his manner of helping others.

a- Jesus as a Friend of publicans & sinners.

The old way of treating transgressors - of pride and punishment, of insult & indignity, of a society that protected its order by destroying the persons who tried to disturb it.

Jesus way - of friendship & affection - awakened the goodness lying dormant in man & thus lead them to their salvation.

b- Jesus own humility.

THE HUMILITY OF JESUS.

Text: Phil.2:5-8.

A clergyman was visiting a member of his church who lived in the country. The host consumed ~~hours of time telling his pastor~~ the entire time of his pastor's call by picturing himself and his own as worthless creatures in the sight of God. There was no good in him he declared over and over again. He and his wife and children awere as the dust of the earth, as pollution itself in the presence of the Almughty. At last becoming satisfied that he had impressed the minister he requested the servant of the Lord to pray on behalf of his family. Mustering as much reverence as he possibly could the clergyman prayed,"Lord, bless this worm and all his little worms. Amen." Let me declare at the outset that humility is neither low-mindedness nor self-abasement. The wrath of Jehovah rested upon the children of Israel because they pictured themselvs as grass-hoppers compared to their enemies; I am sure that the disgust of God rests upon the man who lowers himself to the level of a worm in order to win divine favor. Far from being any such thing humility is the union of the highest self-respect with the utmost abandon of sacrifice in service. A man conscious of his superior worth but willing to serve his inferiors in Xn love is a humble man. It is humility that leads the enlightened teacher to impart his knowledge to the eager-to-learn pupils. It is humility that causes the strong to serve the weak. It is humility that make a man willing to sacrifice his own claims for the common good. Let us contemplate this virtue in Jesus Christ who by teaching and personal example made it a cardinal Xn virtue.

The Master sought to develop a right attitude in his disciples toward the truth and toward character. "Blessed are the poor in spirit", he taught them, "for theirs is the kingdom of heaven". Jesus wanted his followers to realize that what truth they held was not the whole thuth and that they should consequently be eager at all times to learn more. "Blessed are they that are persecuted for righteousness sake for theirs is the kingdom of heaven". The Great Teacher would have his own not only to be lovers of the Truth but also to be bravely loyal and heroically faithful to the fundamentals of right living. Seekers of the truth and translators of the truth into character are the truly humble according to Christ.

When the mother of James and John sought of the Messiah the chief places in the coming kingdom for her two sons and when the other disciples became indignant over the request, the King of that kingdom replied that he had it not in his power to assign any one to the positions and that such positions could only be given to those best fitted for them. Efficiency and fitness alone should be one's principal concern, not the holding of a coveted position. "And he(Jesus) spake a parable unto those that were bidden, when he marked how they chose out the chief seats: saying,unto them, When thou art bidden of any man to a marriage feast sit not down in the bief seat; lest haply a more honorable man than thou be bidden of him, and he that bade thee and him shall come and say to thee, Give this man place; and then thou shalt begin with shame to take the lowest place. But when thou art bidden

est place. But when thou art bidden, go and sit down in the lowest place: that when he that hath bidden thee cometh, he may say to thee, Friend, go up higher: then thou shalt have glory in the presence of all that sit at meat with thee. For everyone that exalteth himself shall be humbled: and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted."v Not only by precept did Jesus teach humility but by example as well. The disciples being unwilling at the last supper to wash one another's feet their Lord girded himself with a towel and, siezing a basin of water himself washed their feet, declaring unto them,"Know ye what I have done unto you? Ye call me Teacher and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. If I, then, the Lord and Teacher, have washe your feet, ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that ye also should do as I have done unto you. A servant is not greater than his lord, neither one that is sent greater than he that sent him."

"Christ Jesus..counted not being on an equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men." Jesus is the least sectional, local, or occasional type of moral manhood in all literature. He transcends all racial limitations and divisions, and all class ~~divisions~~ delusions. Jesus had no need of birth, of a name, or of fame and honor--Jesus himself in his own naked person is humanity's man. It is said that beauty is but skin deep. As a matter of fact there are fewer deeper thing than skin, for it indicates a racial, an intellectual, a moral, and a social cleavage between man and man. Did you ever try to fathom the depths of the average person's skin? go to the bottom of his racial and religious prejudices, of his institutional conceptions and customary morality, and of his accidental ways of thinking and liming? and of his hereditary weaknesses? Brother Haerle a few months ago put a hot mustard poultice on his neck for one hour to draw out some stiffness that had settled there. The agony that he afterwards suffered from the drawing was terrible. To his dismay after it had apparently healed it burned again as acutely as the first time. When it had again healed it broke out the third time with excruciating pain. Thus did Mr. Haerle learn that he had three layers of skin instead of simply one skin as he had supposed. It is when we endeavor to poultice a man or a community to draw out the badness in order to make him a better man or it a better community that we discover the depth of the surface. Jesus penetrated beneath his hereditary skin and discovered there a man greater than a Jew, a faith stronger than Judiaism, a love ~~supra-pharisaical-and~~ humanity-wide, and a relationship that identified himself with God and with man.

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Jesus as a teacher and exemplar was ~~clearly~~ allegedly a man of humility. Let us finally behold him as the Friend of publicans and sinners. The society in which the Savior lived protected its order by destroying the persons who tried to disturb it. In contrast to the customary heapong of insult, indignity, and punishment upon the transgressors jesus, by means of friendship and affection awakened the goodness lying dormant in man and thus led him to his salvation and refitted him for social living.